

is "headed for wedding bells." Darlene and **John Greenert** have been up in Groton where he is aboard NR-1 and she is with the Sub School. And **Mark Klett** was last seen on a 'skimmer' out of Newport. Mark Darrow closes with a request for his companymates to contact him so he can plan a get-together for the ten-year bash. "I can explain to them then what happened to the 5-year reunion — it wasn't my fault." (Gee, I think I'd call just to hear his story on that one . . .) Thanks for the news, Mark!

To 'Rudy': thanks for the address list. I appreciate you keeping me up on the movement of your companymates!

Jim O'Brien sent a SITREP on himself. He recalled that we bumped into each other in the NEX in Norfolk in 1980. (My, how time flies!) He has relocated from Dallas to San Diego where he is an information systems engineer for General Dynamics. He, wife Shirley and daughters Jeanne and Lisa, are enjoying the sunny weather. He'd been in touch with Kate and **Craig Galloway**, who are moving from Syracuse to Los Angeles, courtesy of Mobil Oil. Laurie and **Mike Bannon** are living in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, where he is working in Q.A. at Merck. **Steve Udick** is employed with Pacific Telephone (do they still exist?) in the Los Angeles area. **Tom Kapurch** is at Texas Instruments in Dallas, and **Tim Hagan** works for a computer firm in Dallas as well. Thanks for the update, O'B!

Pat Gottschalk dropped a line to say that he is now a 'fully barred' lawyer in the State of Virginia, along with **Roy Hawkens**, whose name he heard called too at the swearing-in ceremony. He is practicing with a firm in Richmond. He also threw his name in the ring as a volunteer to help plan the ten-year reunion. He thinks we should really do this one up right, making it one to remember! Sounds good to me . . . and congrats on your success with the bar, Pat!

Well, gang, because I didn't hear from anybody during this past month (Jan.), I'm going to hold these last two notes (which were received in Christmas cards) until next time. Let's get with it, guys 'n gals . . . we need to continue to stick together, especially with the reunion coming up! We'll need lots of help, but what I need most of all is a postcard from each of you with your current address on it, and other info as appropriate (marital status, children, names, duty station or field of employment, etc.). I can't get the word out without knowing where to send it!

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

And now for a short item from our Class President. "Dear Classmates, For the past six months, our Memorial Fund Committee (**Dave Frost, Mike Engler, Larry Kloth, and John Kucinski**) has investigated what type of gift we should present to the Academy at our ten-year reunion. Their investigation resulted in the following recommendation: the Class of 1975 should sponsor a gate at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium which will serve as an express memorial to deceased Classmates.

"Sponsoring a gate costs \$15,000. The money, in addition to providing a permanent and highly visible memorial to our deceased Classmates, also will provide funds for Stadium maintenance and improvement. As you know, the Stadium was built with and is maintained with private funds.

"I hope you will support this project, and I hope you will show your support through generous contributions over the next few years to the Class of 1975 Memorial Fund Drive. The Memorial Fund Committee, assisted by the Alumni Association, will coordinate the fund drive. All contributions are, of course, tax deductible. In addition to mak-

ing contributions through periodic class solicitations, you also can contribute through the Alumni Association Annual Fund Drive by specifying that all, or part, of your contribution is for the 1975 Fund.

"You have received additional information (and solicitations!) through the mail. Please be responsive. This project commemorates our fallen Classmates, benefits the Academy, and memorializes the efforts of the Class of 1975 on behalf of the Academy. This project should appeal to both the iron men and the flower children in our Class. Let's work together to make this goal a reality. E. Roy Hawkens."

Until next time . . .

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Correspondence has been almost non-existent during the past month. I received only one letter, although I did have occasion to talk to a few Classmates on the horn. I heard from Tomi Roeske — she had some great news to pass on. She and Jackson had their first child, a baby boy, Thomas Jackson, on 7 December 1983, he weighed in a 9 lbs., 4 oz. Jackson and Tomi are presently stationed in New London where Jackson is a new construction engineer in AUGUSTA (SSN-710) and has just been selected for spot promotion to lieutenant commander. Tomi is also in the Navy and is assigned to the SUBSCOL staff. Tomi also passed on some other good news, **Joe Ruttar** and his wife Georgeanne had their second child, a little boy, in November. **Mike Hylwiak** is in San Diego as chief engineer in CUSHING, and **Pat Giancatarino** is in Pearl Harbor as engineer in LOS ANGELES.

I had the good fortune to talk with **Lou Sposato** a few weeks back. Lou and Roberta are looking forward to leaving Cleveland this Summer and heading for Quantico. Lou will be going through AWS and Roberta will work on her MBA at Georgetown. I also spoke to **Alex Cobble**, and he and Virginia are doing well; Alex is enjoying the real-estate business. I also got a good piece of news this past month — I was selected for augmentation back into the regular Marine Corps. That's all I have to report for now; I hope there are more letters next month.

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For the slow readers this month we are publishing a few more of our fine pix from Homecoming. Where did they find such handsome men (and women)?



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Hello, Springfever,

As you read this I plan to be in the sun soaking up the fun! It is wonderful to live at the beach! Some people have not gotten the word about my new address so please take heed; I would not want your letters to get lost in the mail — you might feel neglected. By now, I figure most of us have our minds made up on what we will be doing come May 30th. As of the time I am writing this, February 2nd, I still do not have any idea what I will be doing. Reminds me of service selection night. If you hear any good stories let me know!

I received a letter from Capt. Robert Gulick USN (Ret.) '39 concerning the Olympic Go-Torch Relay. His Class is going to sponsor a runner for the torch relay. There should be an announcement of some somewhere in this issue; sounds like a worthy venture of our support. Interested?

I got a couple of "first-time writing to *Shipmate* letters" this last month. Sorry, guys, I accept only experienced letter writers; this isn't *People Magazine* you know. Hey, just kidding! **Mike Kantaris** got back from Okinawa last Summer. He is currently serving a hardship tour at Southern Methodist University, obtaining his master's in cattle rustling. At last word, Peggy and **Chuck Doty** are still in Hawaii. Washington (DC) could be their next step in this crazy board game. **Ken Wartich** is on Okinawa and hoping for PG School in Monterey this Summer. **Russ Penniman** is flying F-14s out in Miramar. **Hal Roby** is looking for a tour at Lejeune this Summer. He must be getting senile in his old age.

Mike also had word on **Jon Munoz** at Camp Pendleton. He is a logistics officer. Meanwhile, back in cold deary Hawaii **Steve Walton** is toughing it out as an NFO for P-3s. **Jon Densmore** (spelling?) is expecting to be in San Diego as a rotorhead by now. Greta and **Randy Scanlon** are the proud parents of a baby boy. His name is Christopher and Randy is loving those midnight feedings. They are all living in Virginia Beach.

Nick Harris is married to a beautiful redhead named Kathy. I hear that she "volunteered" to marry him of her own free will. She is from Tennessee, get it? No, Philo, that's not it; volunteered — Tennessee, Tennessee volunteers. Oh, I give up. Anyway, Nick has been through the gamut of duties as a surface jock and is currently in cryptology, so he probably understands my columns. I think that makes four people that do, if you count Randy's son Christopher. Nick and Kathy have two boys, Jason and Brian. Nick is currently on Okinawa, which may not sound great, but when you consider the time he spent cruising Lebanon in *FURER* it is great duty! He and Kathy have spent time with Pat and **Jack Rickman** touring Japan. Pat and Rick have a baby girl, Beth. How 'bout that SWOS football team, Sandy!

Of interest to 12th Company and friends thereof, not including the Gore-man who never writes, was a conversation I had with **Mark Decker**. Max informs me that he will grace us with



his presence at Homecoming '84! Not only that, but he will be throwing a 12th reunion party at his place. He would like all of you that are planning to attend to write to me as soon as possible so we can start planning the Quint-Annual Big Brother Memorial Party and Hula Hoop Nationals. PS. Bring your own Hula Hoop. That's all for now . . . Enjoy, Larry K.

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It seems there is plenty of late breaking news. It took a while, but all your news finally got printed. Starting with the big news, you'll notice the new address. The FPO part isn't so great, but the lieutenant part sure is. I guess we can all pat ourselves on the back for making it this far. Hopefully there will be some super wetting downs as many of us have reached our terminal rank.

Getting on to other news, there were several marriages. **Jeff Tomeo** married the former Barb Pusty on 3 September to end a seven-year courtship. And all that just in time to start work-ups with USS SARATOGA. **Jim Reagan** married Tana Palraro on 9 July at USNA, and they are stationed



Bob Hoeft and Melissa Harrington

at Charleston. And finally, some of our ex-strippers tied the knot on 8 October — **Bill Hoeft** and **Melissa Harrington**. Bill is in USS JACKSONVILLE out of Norfolk and Melissa is at NARDAC, Alameda.

Larry DeRita graced Newport with a short return visit for MPA school. He is headed back to Japan for duty in USS MIDWAY. Nancy and **Bill Stuehler** were last heard of in New York at prototype school. Bill had knee surgery and was sidelined for a year with instructor duty. He is now back in the game and should be Fleet-ready soon. Griffin and **John Fry** are in overhaul in Charleston and **John Heil** is in overhaul in Philly. Doesn't anyone go to sea anymore? **Burt Nelson** is anxiously awaiting his sub, now under construction and due to sail in early '84. **Earl Fordham** is with USS PULASKI based in Charleston.

From the West Coast, **Cliff Vaught** passed a lot of news. He is with VF-213 in USS ENTERPRISE along with **Dave Kennedy** (VF-114), **Ken McIlhenney** (VF-213) and nukes **Mike Turner** and **Rick Etem**. They just finished a WESTPAC deployment. It must have been pretty lonely out there